

RESOLUTION 2006-08

**Support for Aging Services and the Older Montanans Trust Fund**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties support efforts to create an Older Montanans Trust Fund and to increase state funding for aging services.

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the Montana Association of Counties formalized its support for increased funding for local aging services in Resolution #2004-7; and,

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was given a high priority by the membership; and,

**WHEREAS**, local aging services continues to be under-funded; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Montana must do more to assist local governments with the costs of providing services identified in the Older Americans Act and the Older Montanans Act; and

**WHEREAS**, within the next fifteen to twenty five years as the "baby boomers" age, older Montanans will be comprising an ever-increasing percentage of the state population; and,

**WHEREAS**, our state has done little to prepare itself financially for the fiscal impact of its aging society; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of an Older Montanans Trust Fund could help alleviate the tax burden of future increased public costs of aging Montanans:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana Association of Counties support efforts to create an Older Montanans Trust Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Montana Association of Counties support efforts to increase state funding for aging services.

**SPONSOR:** Districts 8, 9 & 12

**RECOMMENDATION:** Do Pass

**PRIORITY:** High

**REFERRED TO:** MACo Health, Human Services & Labor Committee

**ADOPTED:** Annual Conference, Bozeman, MT  
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